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Loretta Lynch  
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Dear Attorney General Lynch,

I am concerned that the State of Florida may be violating the Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994 (18 U.S. Code § 2721) by selling the personal information of more than 15 million licensed drivers in Florida without their express consent.

The Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994 was enacted to protect Americans' personal information after the brutal murder of Rebecca Schaeffer, a 21-year old actress who was brutally shot and killed in 1989 by a fan who tracked her down using her California driver registration records. In an attempt to limit the disclosure of such information, the act now prevents a state from selling someone's personal information to a private company for marketing purposes without their express consent.

In this new era, when identity thieves are causing real damage to millions of hardworking families, the fact that the state is making a profit by selling Floridians' personal information on the open market is simply unconscionable. I ask that your agency investigate whether the State of Florida is fully adhering to the intent of the law, as any deviation could be severely harmful to the millions of people who trusted the state to keep their information safe.

I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Bill Nelson*